

(c) To ensure the distribution of good quality of foodgrains to the beneficiaries, instructions were issued to carry out joint inspection by FCI and State Governments officials while the foodgrains are delivered from the FCI godowns to satisfy themselves about the quality of the foodgrains.

(d) the PDS (Control) Order, 2001 (*vide* clauses 8 and 9) can be evoked to punish the guilty persons who involve in malpractices in the implementation of TPDS.

Foodgrains production

1842. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains produced during 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether the production was in excess or short of the requirement in the respective years and in case of shortage, the quantity thereof; and

(c) how the shortage was made good of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The production of foodgrains from 2001-02 to 2005-06 is given in the table below:

(million tonnes)					
Commodity	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06*
Foodgrains	212.85	174.77	213.19	198.36	208.30

*4th advance estimates released on 15.07.2006.

(b) and (c) There has been no shortage in the case of cereals during the years 2001-02 to 2005-06. However, in the case of pulses there has been shortage in production *vis-a-vis* requirement, which was met through imports. The import of pulses during the years 2001-02 to 2005-06 is given in the following table:

000' tonnes					
Commodity	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06*
Pulses	2217.82	1992.29	1723.33	1339.45	1608.24